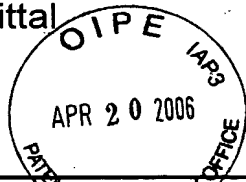


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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	10/672,080
Filing Date	September 29, 2003
First Named Inventor	Hans L. TRAUTENBERG
Art Unit	3662
Examiner Name	F. H. Mull
Attorney Docket Number	010408.52704US

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- ii ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **05-1323**.
- i ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17); 1 month extension of time previously filed on February 20, 2006.
- iii ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature	<i>Vincent J. Sunderdick</i>	Date	April 20, 2006
Name (Print/Type)	Vincent J. Sunderdick	Registration No.	29,004

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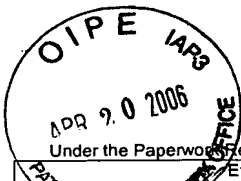
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## For FY 2006

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$1,890.00)**

### METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify):

☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: **05-1323 (Docket No. 010408.52704US)** Deposit Account Name: **23911**

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

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#### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description		Fee (\$)	Small Entity
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent		50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent		200	100
Multiple dependent claims		360	180
Total Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
20	-20 or HP	0 x 0	= 0
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20			
Indep. Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
4	- 3 or HP	1 x 200	= 200
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 3			

#### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =		/ 50 =	Round up to a whole number x	=

#### 4. OTHER FEES

	Fee Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other: RCE filing fee	790.00

#### SUBMITTED BY

Signature	<i>Gary R. Edwards</i>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) <b>31,824/29,004</b>	Telephone <b>(202) 624-2500</b>
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